

CHARISMATIC MAGAZINE PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALISM

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The April 1992 issue of Charisma contained an article entitled "Caring for Creation" by Sydney Donahoe. The worldly, unscriptural nature of this article is seen in the following excerpts:

"Christians are caretakers of earth's resources in today's global garden. ...

"The earth is God's, and He delights in it. No doubt, then, He also grieves over earth's degradation. ...

".. when we harm the environment, we mar our Father's reflection and can't see Him in it, as clearly. ...

"... when Jeremiah saw that 'fruitful land was a desert' (Jer. 4:26), was he foretelling the spread of desertification we see today? When the writer of Revelation painted a vivid picture of the sun's scorching, destroying heat (see Rev. 16:8-9), was he describing the effects of global warming and ozone depletion?...

"... Scripture has shown us that being a good caretaker is part of living a 'holy and godly life.' So the certainty of the earth's destruction obviously doesn't excuse us from our obligation to care for God's creation. ...

"... the cumulative, individual actions of millions of people can help heal the environment. ...

"As environmental issues rise to the forefront of our news and lives, there's room--and need--for all Christians to care for our planet. We dare not be counted among the wrongdoers in Revelation described as 'those who destroy the earth' (11:18)."

This issue of Charisma also contained a listing of "books to help you keep the earth," including Creation in Crisis: Responding to God's Covenant; Keeping and Healing the Creation; Earthkeeping in the '90s: Stewardship and the Renewal of Creation; Earthkeepers: Environmental Perspectives on Hunger, Poverty and Injustice; Project Earth: Preserving the World God Created. Also listed was "The Green Congregational Network."

This is quite amazing. Every Scripture used to prove that the Christian must be an ecologist is twisted entirely out of context. Bible prophecy does not foreview twentieth century environmental problems; it foreviews sin and apostasy. The Bible focuses on the Christian's relationship with God and man, not with his relationship with the earth. In fact, there is not one word in the New Testament that pertains to ecology.

The environmental movement was created by humanists, new agers, and others who are ignorant of the true nature of God and of man and of the spiritual cause of the earth's problems. Environmentalists speak of the earth as a spiritual entity and glorify the idolatrous beliefs of North American Indians. To them, man is not necessarily more important than other living things. They don't see man as king of creation. They deny the curse. They deny the coming destruction of the earth by God Almighty because of sin.

Bible Christians are wise and careful about the environment, but they are not environmentalists.